



# **South Coast Air Quality Management District**

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## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Yates, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Chairman  
Greg Adams, L.A. County Sanitation District  
Felipe Aguirre, Vice Mayor, City of Maywood  
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates  
Jacob Haik, Office of School Board Member Richard Vladovic  
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications  
Rita Loof, RadTech International  
Steve Mugg, South Orange County Representative, City of Mission Viejo

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ronald Loveridge, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Vice Chairman  
Luis Ayala, City of Alhambra  
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals  
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy  
Sergio Carrillo, South Bay Yellow Cab and United Checker Cab  
Daniel Cunningham, Metal Finishing Association of Southern California  
Lucy Dunn, Orange County Business Council  
Samuel Garrison, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice  
Mary Ann Lutz, City of Monrovia  
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)  
Kris Flaig, City of Los Angeles  
Nicole Nishimura, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)

### **AQMD STAFF:**

Naveen Berry, Planning & Rules Manager  
Philip Crabbe, Community Relations Manager  
Kevin Durkee, Sr. Meteorologist  
Peter Greenwald, Senior Policy Advisor  
John Olvera, Principal Deputy District Counsel  
William Sanchez, Sr. Public Affairs Manager  
Nicole Soto, Secretary  
Laki Tisopulos, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer  
Greg Ushijima, Air Quality Engineer

Brian Yeh, Sr. AQ Engineering Manager

**Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**Agenda Item #2 – Approval of October 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

Chair Yates called for approval of the meeting minutes.

The October 8, 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

*Action Item: Agendize Clean Air Action Plan presentation by Mr. Peter Greenwald.*

- ✓ The Ports' Clean Air Action Plan is agendized for the current meeting. Completed.

**Agenda Item #3 –Status Report on 2010 Update to Ports' Clean Air Action Plan**

Mr. Peter Greenwald gave a status report on the 2010 Update to the Ports' Clean Air Action Plan.

Mr. Greg Adams asked for clarification on the reduction of NOx and port cargo. Mr. Greenwald indicated the total reduction in NOx was about 35%, while port throughput was reduced by 24%.

Mr. Paul Avila asked if the San Pedro Bay area has a separate “wish list” for the Clean Air Action Plan. Mr. Greenwald indicated that they are not a government group, but there are community organizations and environmental groups that are active in that area.

Mr. Jacob Haik commented that standards need to be statewide and nationwide to help protect the local employment and economy. Mr. Greenwald replied that staff is aware of the role the Ports play in supporting the Southern California economy and jobs, thus staff advocates for national and international standards and focuses on technology as a means of achieving the needed emission reductions.

Mr. Avila asked what the time frame is for building new ships and whether the new ships' engines will be compliant with air quality laws. Mr. Greenwald indicated that it takes three years from order to delivery. He added that any ship built after January 1, 2016 operating in an emission control area has to have 80% NOx control.

**Agenda Item #4 – 2010 Ozone Season and Ongoing Air Quality Trends**

Mr. Kevin Durkee provided an overview of the 2010 Ozone Season and Ongoing Air Quality Trends.

Mr. Adams asked whether the South Coast Air Basin smog trend is focused at any particular monitoring station. Mr. Durkee replied that the data is basin wide and encompasses all of the south coast air basin stations, but not the Coachella Valley.

**Agenda Item #5 – Rule 1143 - Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents**

Mr. Naveen Berry gave a presentation on Rule 1143 – Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents

Mr. Adams asked to confirm whether 100,000 gallons of these products are being sold and used each month primarily for metal surface cleaning. Mr. Berry replied that these products are used for cleaning in general, due to the small amount of solvent based paint being sold. Mr. Adams asked about the recent settlement with Lowe's. Mr. Berry replied that that was strictly for non-compliant paints and not solvents.

Mr. Steve Mugg asked whether there are any other uses for paint thinners or solvents other than cleaning. Mr. Berry replied that discussions with the Fire Departments have indicated that people use them to clean engines and boats, among other things.

Ms. Rita Loof asked if staff was able to resolve CEQA issues, and whether staff foresees any future challenges with the re-adopted rule. Mr. Berry replied that the AQMD has already been sued for the July 2010 amendments.

Mr. Haik asked about how to address illegal sales of these products. Mr. Berry replied that on paints, we have enhanced our enforcement program.

Ms. Loof asked what happens to the rule while there is an ongoing legal challenge pending. Mr. Berry indicated the rule currently remains in effect.

**Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities**

No comments.

**Agenda Item #7 – Update on Climate Change Activities (Written Report)**

Ms. Jill Whynot provided a written report on climate change activities.

**Agenda Item #8 - Other Business**

Chair Yates announced to the group that the December Meeting will be held at Honolulu Harry's in Chino.

**Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment**

No comments.

**Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.